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Genoua, Octob. 15.

SEveral French Officers came hither some days since from *Cazal* to see this City, whither they returned again yesterday: Here is now seen in the *East* a Comet, which appears about Midnight for two hours, it seems not Fiery, but Whitish, and is not above one tenth part as long as that which was seen in most Countreys as well as here, several Months since.

Vienna, Octob. 9. The Turks and Hungarians have with the loss of 6 or 700 Men, made themselves Masters of *Calo*; the Governor, after having resisted several Attacks, being at last forced to Capitulate, and to surrender the Place upon Articles. The Troops that were sent under the Command of General *Rabata*, to reinforce General *Caprara*, have, we are told, joyned him; and thereupon General *Caprara* is marched towards the Turks, Hungarians and Transylvanians, who are divided in two Bodies, the Turks and Transylvanians, being Commanded by Prince *Abassi*, and the Hungarians by Count *Teckeley*. The Dyet at *Oedenburg* draws towards a Conclusion, but with what satisfaction to the Protestants, we cannot certainly say.

Vienna, Octob. 12. On Monday last arrived here an Express, who brought the surprizing News of the taking of *Strasbourg* by the French. From *Hungary* they write, that General *Caprara* was marching towards the Rebels.

Strasbourg, Octob. 18. Our Magistrates having sent Deputies to the French King at *Schlestadt*, they were very well received; the King assuring them that he would not only maintain their Privileges, but enlarge them. Monsieur *de Louvois* has given Orders for the taking the Canon, of which there are above 400 Pieces, out of our Arsenal. The King is expected here the 21, and then the Cittadel that is designed, will be taken in hand.

Cologne, Octob. 21. The Emperor, it's said, has written a Letter to our Magistrates, to admonish them to be upon their Guard, and to put themselves into a posture of Defence. From *Heydelberg* they write, that the Elector Palatine had reinforced the Garrisons of *Manheim* and *Frankendall*, in which two places he had 4000 Men, and that his Electoral Highness was going to make new Levies.

Brussels, Octob. 24. We live here in great apprehensions of the French; and our Letters from *Lille*, *Tournay*, *Valenciennes*, &c. tell us of the preparations that are making, and of the Orders the Mareschal *d' Humieres* has sent out for the drawing the Troops together, in order to the marching into the Countrey of *Alost*, as soon as the Term expires. The Prince of *Parma* at the same time is doing what he can to put these Countreys into a posture of Defence. He is drawing his Cavalry into a Body, and intends to post them on the Frontier of the Province of *Flanders*, to make head against the French, and is sending several Companies of Dragoons into the Towns of *Alost*, *Ninoue*, and *Grammont*, to defend them, in case the French shall attack them. From *Liege* they write, that they have had notice that the French are about sending some Troops thither, on pretence of possessing themselves of *Fupille*, and some other small places belonging to the City of *Liege*, which they have formed a pretension upon.

An Account of the Proceedings of the Quarter-Sessions *of the County of* Middlesex, *in reference to the Sheriffs and Grand Jury.*

THE Quarter-Sessions begun at *Westminster* the 6th of *October* Instant, Sir *George Jeffreys* was in the Chair; the Under-Sheriff returned the Pannel for the Grand Jury; the Court (as is usual at Assizes and Sessions) according to the Statute of 3 *H.* 8. required him to put one Person out of the Pannel, and another in, which they named, which he refused: The Court then according to custom Adjourned to *Hicks's-Hall*; the Munday following, *October* 10. the Jury was there again called, and upon examination it did appear, that very few of them were Protestants according to the Church of *England*; and one of them did confess he did not know where his Parish Church stood; and there was one who had been summoned, and did appear, and professed himself a constant Churchman; but was not returned in the Pannel: The Court observing this strange dealing of the Under Sheriff, required him to shew them the Freeholders Book, which he did; and upon perusal of it, they could not find any one person of those returned in that Pannel, in that Book; Whereupon the Court required the Under-Sheriff, to put some persons out of the Pannel which they named, and to fill up the Pannel with as many out of the said Freeholders Book which they likewise named, which he refused to do; The Court being thus Treated by the Under-Sheriff, thought fit to order the High Sheriffs to attend the *Wednesday* following, *October* 12. to the intent they might be required to alter the Pannel, and to know if they approved the obstinacy of their Under Sheriff, but they did not appear; but Sir *George Treby* the Recorder, Mr *Thomson*, and Mr. *Trender*, came by order of the Court of Aldermen, (which Order, Mr. Recorder did produce, and left a Coppy of it) to justify that the High Sheriffs ought not to be required to attend there, nor to be called out of the City, for this reason; That they were always obliged to attend the Lord Mayor, and could not be at two places at once: This reason not satisfying the Court for the Contempt of the High Sheriffs, fined them 100 l.

The Court seeing they could not procure the alteration of the Pannel, those Persons in it being most of them neither Churchmen nor Freeholders, did not think it consisting with their Duty, to trust the great Affairs of the County in those Mens Hands who had so little interest in it, and so dismissed them for that time, and ordered them to attend the Monday following, *October* 17. hoping in the mean time the Sheriffs would consider of it, and not put a stop to publick Justice by their obstinacies. On Monday about nine of the clock Sir *George Jeffreys* writ a Letter to Sir *William Smith*, and desired him to take the Chair, because he was taken ill and could not attend, which Sir *William* did: The Court for the satisfaction of the People there (who were numerous) caused the said Statute of 3 *H.* 8 to be publickly read; and then required the Under Sheriff to alter the Pannels which he refused; Sir *William*